

Example #12: In the diagram above, if the right ball has a mass of 5.2 kg and an initial speed of 1.4 m/s at the top of the 2.8-m high ramp, what will its speed be at the bottom of the ramp?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{At top, } E_T &= E_p + E_k \\ &= mgh + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\ &= 5.2(9.8)(2.8) + \frac{1}{2}(5.2)(1.4)^2 \\ &= 148 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{At bottom, } E_T &= E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\ 148 &= \frac{1}{2}(5.2)v^2\end{aligned}$$

$$v = 7.5 \text{ m/s}$$